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—OF THE—

# Eighty-Third Annual Session

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# Union Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

## PINE BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH,

COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

**September 24, 25 and 26, 1903.**

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**OFFICERS:**

S. R. YOUNG, MODERATOR ..... Martin, Miss.
JNO. THOMPSON, CLERK ..... Lorman, Miss.
F. M. DAVIS, TREASURER ..... Spencer, Miss.

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**Time and Place of Next Meeting:**

New Providence Baptist Church, Copiah County, Mississippi, Thursday, before the Fourth Lord's Day in September, 1904, 10 o'clock a. m.

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# ..PROCEEDINGS..

**FIRST DAY—Morning Session.**

Pine Bluff Baptist Church,
Thursday, September 24th, 1903.

1. The Union Baptist Association met this day in its eighty-third annual session, with the Pine Bluff Baptist Church, Copiah County, Miss., and at 10 o'clock a. m. was callled to oıder by the former Moderatoı, Rev. S. R. Young.

2. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. John Thompson, reading John 17th chapter, after which short talks, singing and prayer were added to the spiritual enjoyment of all pıesent.

3. The hour for preaching the Introductory sermon having arrived, in the absence of the appointee and alternate, Dr. J. L. Johnson, of Hillman Female College, Clinton, Miss., was on motion, invited to preach the sermon, which he did, from John 6:67, 68, to the edification of his hearers.

4. On motion, the Association adjourned for refreshment until 1:45 p. m.

**FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.**

5. The Association met at the appoitned hour, and was led in prayer by J. H. Purser.

6. The Moderator appointed as Reading Clerks E. S. P'Pool and Bryan Simmons.

7. The roll of the churches was called and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

MINUTES

**Churches and Messengers.**

Antioch—W. C. Bufkin, P. S. Davis.

Beach Grove—G. D. Parker, Charlie Jones, W. A. Jordan.

Bethesda—Henry Beasley, Jacob Klair.

Brushy Fork—Bryan Simmons, Walter Trim, J. A. Bailess.

Carpenter—R. L. Green, D. A. McCalip.

Fellowship—John Thompson, Robert Embry, R. L. Marble.

Hermanville—E. S. P'Pool, Homer Landers.

Martin—S. R. Young.

New Providence—J. B. Middleton, F. M. Davis.

Philadelphia—T. E. Applewhite.

Pine Bluff—J. H. Purser, E. L. Wilson, H. Whittaker, E. M. Morris, D. A. Hodges.

Piedmont—Will Ahrond, James Posey.

Pleasant Hill—J. P. Standifer, J. N. Furr, L. W. Trim, W. W. Furr.

Port Gibson—Represented by letter.

Rodney—M. M. Ashley.

Sims' Chapel—Represented by letter.

Unity—Represented by letter.

White Oak—A. C. Lewis, F. M. Coleman, Lee Little.

8. On motion, the Association proceeded to permanent organization, the Moderator appointing as tellers of the election R. L. Green and G. D. Parker, who, after the ballot was cast, announced the following results:

Moderator—S. R. Young.

Clerk—John Thompson.

Treasurer—F. M. Davis.

9. On motion, the regular order of business was adopted as follows: 1. Call to order. 2. Organize. 3. Call for Petitionary Letters. 4. Call for Correspondence. 5. Appoint Committees. 6. Report of committees. 7. Adjournment.

10. The Moderator called for Petitionary Letters. No response.

**Messengers Received.**

11. Messengers from corresponding bodies being called for, the following brethren responded and were cordially invited to seats with us by the Moderator:

Central Association—Dr. J. L. Johnson, Rev. P. A. Haman.

Strong River Association—A. Page.

**Messengers Returned.**

12. Messengers to corresponding bodies were returned as follows:

Baptist State Convention—John Thompson, E. S. P'Pool, J. H. Purser, S. R. Young, E. L. Wilson, F. M. Coleman, W. C. Bufkin, R. L. Green, S. S. Jacob, G. H. Boren.

Central Association—S. R. Young, E. S. P'Pool, F. M. Coleman, D. A. Hodges, J. H. Carraway.

Carey Association—S. S. Jacob, S. R. Young.

Strong River Association—G. D. Parker, J. H. Purser, S. R. Young.

Copiah Association—J. P. Standifer, J. W. Ahrond.

13. On motion, S. R. Young was elected messenger and J. E. Wills alternate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with the earnest request that each church contribute $2.00 to defray the expenses of said messenger, and forward the same to his address at Martin, Miss.

**Revision of Standing Committees.**

State Missions—J. B. Middleton.
Sustentation—F. M. Coleman.
Ministerial Education—G. D. Parker.
Family Worship—P. A. Haman.
Orphanage—J. H. Purser.
B. Y. P. U.—Homer Landers.

14. On motion, it was resolved that this body meet at 9:15 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 1:30 p. m., and adjourn at 4 p. m.

15. On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of this church

were appointed the Committee on Devotional Exercises.

16. On motion, resolved that Missions be made a special order of tomorrow from 10 a. m. to 12 m.

17. The Association adjourned until 9:15 a. m. Friday morning. Benediction by S. R. Young.

**SECOND DAY—Morning Session.**

September 25th, 1903.

18. The Association met at the appointed hour and was led in prayer by S. R. Young.

19. The journal of Thursday was read and approved as read.

**Appointment of Committees.**

Finance Committee—J. H. Purser, G. D. Parker, W. W. Furr.

Committee on Nominations—M. M. Ashley, J. N. Furr, D. A. Hodges.

20. The Report on Prohibition was read by Bryan Simmons, and was discussed by Bryan Simmons, A. V. Rowe, J. L. Johnson and adopted.

**Prohibition.**

Your committee understands that this has reference to prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. That this needs to be done no person of good morals will deny.

It is a menace to every good. It is the destroyer of physical life, of moral life, and the wrecker of homes. It not only troubles those who trouble it, but those who are most opposed to it are troubled the worst. The question is, how shall we prohibit? For some years we have worked along the line of local option. This has done its best. We need to step to the plane of constitutional prohibition.

Your committee recommends that we fall in line with the prohibition campaign begun at Jackson in the early spring.

We further recommend that the clerk of this Association be instructed in behalf of the Association to address a letter to each Senator and Representative

who shall represent portions of territory embraced in this Association in the next Legislature, urging them to espouse the cause of constitutional prohibition in his respective body.

Respectfully submitted,

BRYAN SIMMONS.

21. The Moderator recognized on behalf of the body, Brethren A. V. Rowe, Secretary of State Misssions, Rev. W. E. Ellis, of Copiah Association; and Rev. J. E. Lowe, of Lincoln County Association, as visiting brethren to this body.

22. The reports on State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions were read by W. E. Ellis, E. S. P'Pool and John Thompson and were discussed by Brethren Ellis, P'Pool and Thompson.

**State Missions.**

Our blessed Lord has committed to us, His disciples, the work of evangelizing the world. He said they should be witnesses of Him first at Jerusalem, then at Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Too oft we fail to see the world. And the man who fails to see the whole world fails to see what God wants him to see. But while we are looking at the uttermost parts of the earth, let us not fail to see the whitened harvest at home. Your committee is profoundly anxious for the enlistment of all God's people in one sacred and never ceasing effort to evangelize this sin-cursed earth, and makes a fresh appeal to every pastor in this Association to lend support and encouragement to the noble men of God who are planning and pushing to the front the great work of State Missions. God wants us to advance, His command is ever, "Go forward." We are doing it, we must do it. Last year our Board took advanced steps. We stood by them. Let us ask them to continue to advance and let us stand by them. All over our State there are needy fields. God calls on us to supply them. Last year we gave for State Missions, $14,000.00. This year our State Convention at Yazoo City asked our State Board to lay out its work for this year on a basis of $20,000.00. This calls loudly for hard labor and noble sacrifices on the part of all our people. Every man and woman of God must do his best. God wants our best effort. The work of State

Missions is the basal work of all Missions. If we fail at the foundation the structure is a failure. We need to help the churches and destitute places to supply themselves with men of piety, culture and good sense who will lead the people in God's ways and to organize other churches at needed places. In the mighty stride to evangelize our State and the world let us of this Association be found at the front, helping, sacrificing, praying and preaching, until His kingdom is come and His will is done on earth as in Heaven. Respectfully,

W. E. ELLIS.

**Home Missions.**

The Home Mission field of the Southern Baptists embraces all the Southern States, including Indian Territory, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Missouri, and also Cuba. The work in these places is especially directed to the mountain districts, the frontier of the West, the foreign population, the negroes, the Indians, and the rapidly increasing communities in which the local churches are unable to cope with the situation. Our Home Board is in co-operation with the Northern Board in the Territories and among the negroes.

The Home Mission Board has been especially fortunate in securing the services of Dr. B. D. Gray as Corresponding Secretary in the place of Dr. F. C. McConnell.

The Home Board this year has 671 missionaries employed, has aided in constituting 127 churches, 280 houses of worship built and improved and 8,969 baptisms. The receipts of the Home Board were $108,661.00, of which Mississippi contributed $5,600.00; and Union Association $84.35.

The committee heartily recommend that we make an earnest effort to raise the $200,000.00 in the ensuing year, which the Board is trying to raise throughout the Southern States.

Respectfully submitted.,

ELBERT S. P'POOL, JR.,

Committee.

**Foreign Missions.**

The healthy condition and spiritual progress of Foreign Mission work, reported by Southern Baptists at our recent convention, give us even greater reason for de-

vout thankfulness to Almighty God than we have ever rendered in any other period of Foreign Mission achievement.

Of the $218,512.62 contributed to Foreign Mission work last year by Southern Baptists, Mississippi Baptist gave $16,105.62, and of this amount the Union Association gave $203.89.

The results of the past year's work is the baptism of 1,790 converted souls into the fellowship of 157 Baptist churches in the six nations where Southern Baptists are represented by the sacrificing efforts of 127 missionaries, 192 native helpers and a total membership of 8,880.

In addition to the gospel preached and souls saved by the hundreds, we have in Brazil and China two very successful publication societies in operation, that are doing good work in their respective fields considering the small capital with which these enterprises were commenced. Your committee would especially emphasize the importance of this feature and of propagating the gospel of Christ, as very efficient and insist that the needs of the same be met for even greater success.

In connection with the above mentioned enterprises, we note with pleasure the successful operation of several theological training schools for native preachers; also the enlisted skill of the medical missionary, who after the example of Christ, is going about doing good, all of which goes to fill up the commission and responsibility that Christ committed to His disciples in deed.

In keeping with the remarkable blessings of God, the Foreign Mission Board and the churches are still impressed with the command, "Go forward;" so that in connection with the cry to "Come over and help us," the Board has recently and wisely opened up a mission in Buenos Ayres, Argentina, South America, which will meet the approval of every thoughtful student of foreign missions and will inspire every well wisher to greater sacrifice for Heavenly success.

The Foreign Mission Board is authorized to enlarge the work of Foreign Missions. The board asks Southern Baptists for $300,000.00 to enlarge with. The Baptists of Mississippi are asked for $18,000.00 of this amount and your committee would respectfully submit to the Union Association the consideration of contributing during the next Associational year, not less than $500.00, of this amount as a portion of what we ought to do and can do in

the interest of the millions of the earth that are without Christ and the Bible.

If we must receive we must give. "Give and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6:38.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN THOMPSON.

23. The hour for adjournment having arrived, a motion was offered to extend the time for further discussion of Missions by A. V. Rowe.

24. On motion, the Association adjourned until 2 p. m. Prayer by J. L. Johnson.

**SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.**

25. The Association reassembled at 2 p. m. and was led in prayer by E. S. P'Pool.

26. Missions being the special order, the discussion of the subject was continued by Bryan Simmons, F. M. Coleman and adopted.

27. The Report on Sustentation was read by Bryan Simmons and discussed by Brethren Bryan Simmons, A. V. Rowe, W. E. Ellis and John Thompson. Pending the adoption of the report, a free-will offering of $12.05 was made by the Association and the report was adopted.

**Sustentation.**

The support of aged preachers who have spent their lives in the Master's service. These should have the love and respect of all Christians and be so provided for as to be made comfortable in their last days. Your committee recommend that the pastors look after this, talk it up, and pray over it until the fund is sufficient to give them comfort. Brethren, this is the Master's work—it must go on.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. COLEMAN.

28. On motion, the reports on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education were made the special order for tomorrow at 10 a. m.

29. The Report on Family Worship was read by P. A. Haman, was ably discussed by him and adopted.

**Family Worship.**

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Family Worship beg leave to submit the following:

The family is the oldest institution among mankind and among the most sacred.

The mutual relations of its members are peculiarly unique, and the corresponding obligations, each to the other, are of a very sacred order, being the relations of parents and children. Filial duties rightly discharged honor parents; but neglected, or prevented, sadly reflect on them. Parental obligations, faithfully met, mold the character of the children and in a very large measure fix their eternal destiny.

If parents properly do their duty to their children, they will quite likely do theirs and thus honor them. So, that the whole matter centres in faithfulness on the part of parents.

Now, this family work is foundation work. It lies not only at the base of family success, but, in its success it forms the base of all social success and helps very largely to support Christian success.

Hence the importance of making the home a Christian home by making it a place wherein God is worshipped.

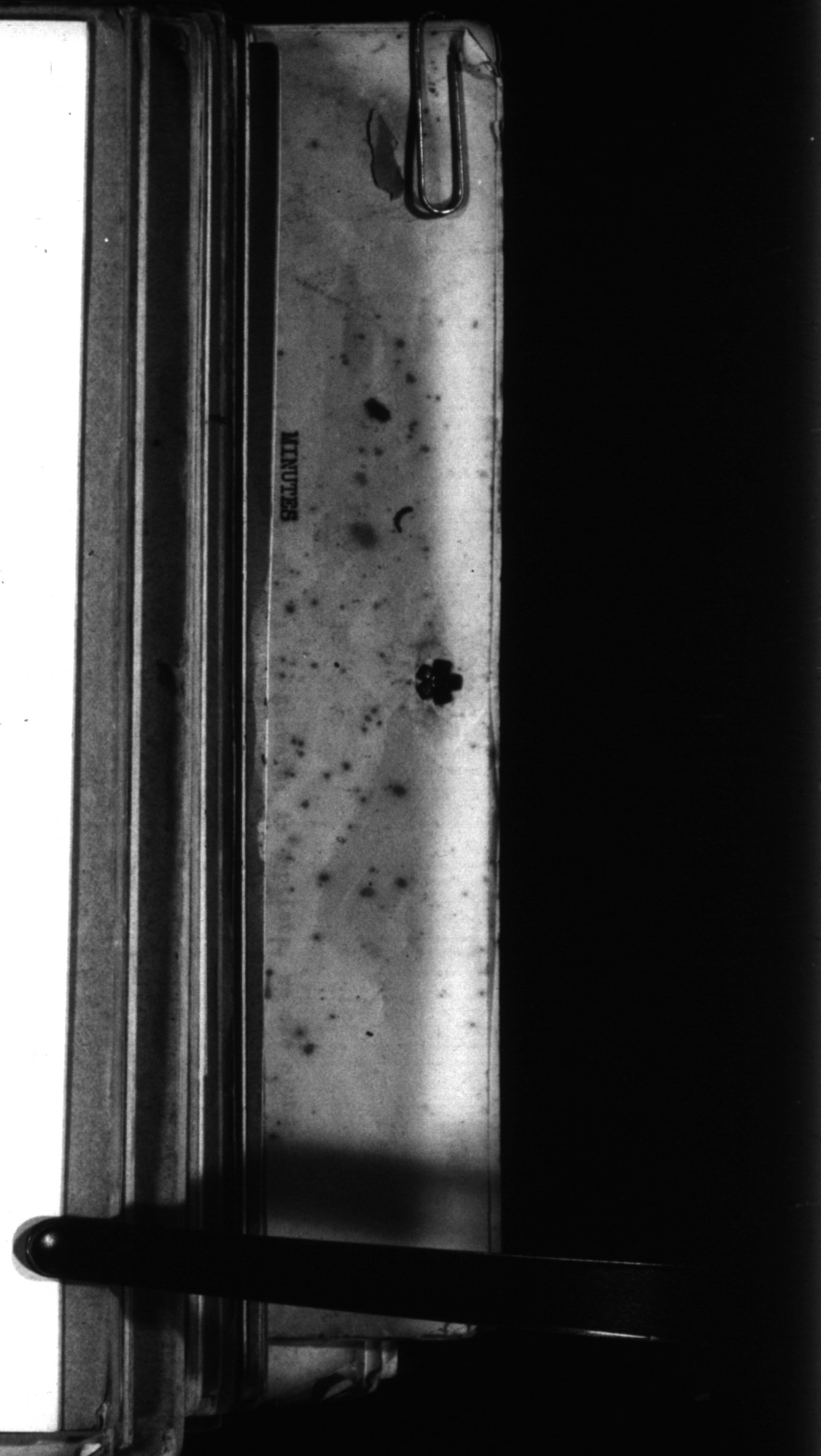
Your committee is firmly of the opinion that this sacred duty is too frequently and criminally neglected, and we recommend that the pastors be urged to often bring this matter to the attention of their church members and press it upon their hearts as a most inviolable duty.

P. A. HAMAN,
Committee.

30. The Association having a few minutes before adjournment, at the suggestion of J. L. Johnson, the Association engaged in prayer, especially for Bro. A. V. Rowe and his work, the prayer being led by S. R. Young.

31. The Rev. Bryan Simmons requested a leave of absence from the Association in order to meet his engagements and preparations to go to the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. By special motion the request was granted.

32. The Association adjourned until 9:15 a. m. Saturday morning. Benediction by A. V. Rowe.



**THIRD DAY—Morning Session.**

September 26, 1903.

33. The Association met at 9:15 a. m. and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by W. W. Furr.

34. The journal of Friday was read and adopted.

35. The Report on the Orphanage was read by G. D. Parker and was discussed by G. D. Parker, John Thompson, E. S. P'Pool and adopted.

**Report on the Orphanage.**

This institution, which was founded about six years ago by Rev. L. S. Foster, whom we believe was divinely directed, though with such limited means, has made great progress. In the beginning of this great work there were only two boys to care for, and that in rented quarters. But now we have eighty-two children and a home that is worth forty thousand dollars and room for one hundred and twenty-five children.

Your committee are satisfied that substantial improvements have gone on all this time. The Orphanage is probably all we could expect it to date.

Your committee are gratified to report that there is a growing interest in the hearts of our people in behalf of this institution, and we would earnestly recommend that the pastors of our churches present the claims of the Orphanage to their respective churches and the people at large in their fields of labor. The contributions of last year were more than ten thousand dollars in cash, beside other contributions in support of the orphanage.

Your committee would recommend that our people contribute more liberally, not only in money, but in clothing and provisions which are much needed for the support of the orphans.

During the last Associational year Rev. L. S. Foster has resigned as superintendent of the institution and Rev. J. R. Carter has been elected by the board to succeed him.

Your committee recommend that all lovers of the institution co-operate with Bro. Carter in support of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. PARKER,

Committee.

36. By order of the Association the roll of Messengers was called and the absentees marked.

37. The reports on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education were read by J. H. Purser and G. D. Parker and were discussed by J. H. Purser, G. D. Parker and E. S. P'Pool.

**Mississippi College.**

Your committee first would call attention to the growth of this institution. In 1852-3, the first session after the college was tendered to the Baptists there were ninety-two students in attendance and one graduate. In 1902-3 there were three hundred enrolled, the largest number in the history of the school, and twenty-six graduates and thirty-four of the three hundred were young men who were studying for the ministry, notwithstanding the difficulties the college has had to encounter in its past history, such as the war between the States, which closed with a great indebtedness over the institution and the yellow fever epidemic of 1897 which reduced the patronage.

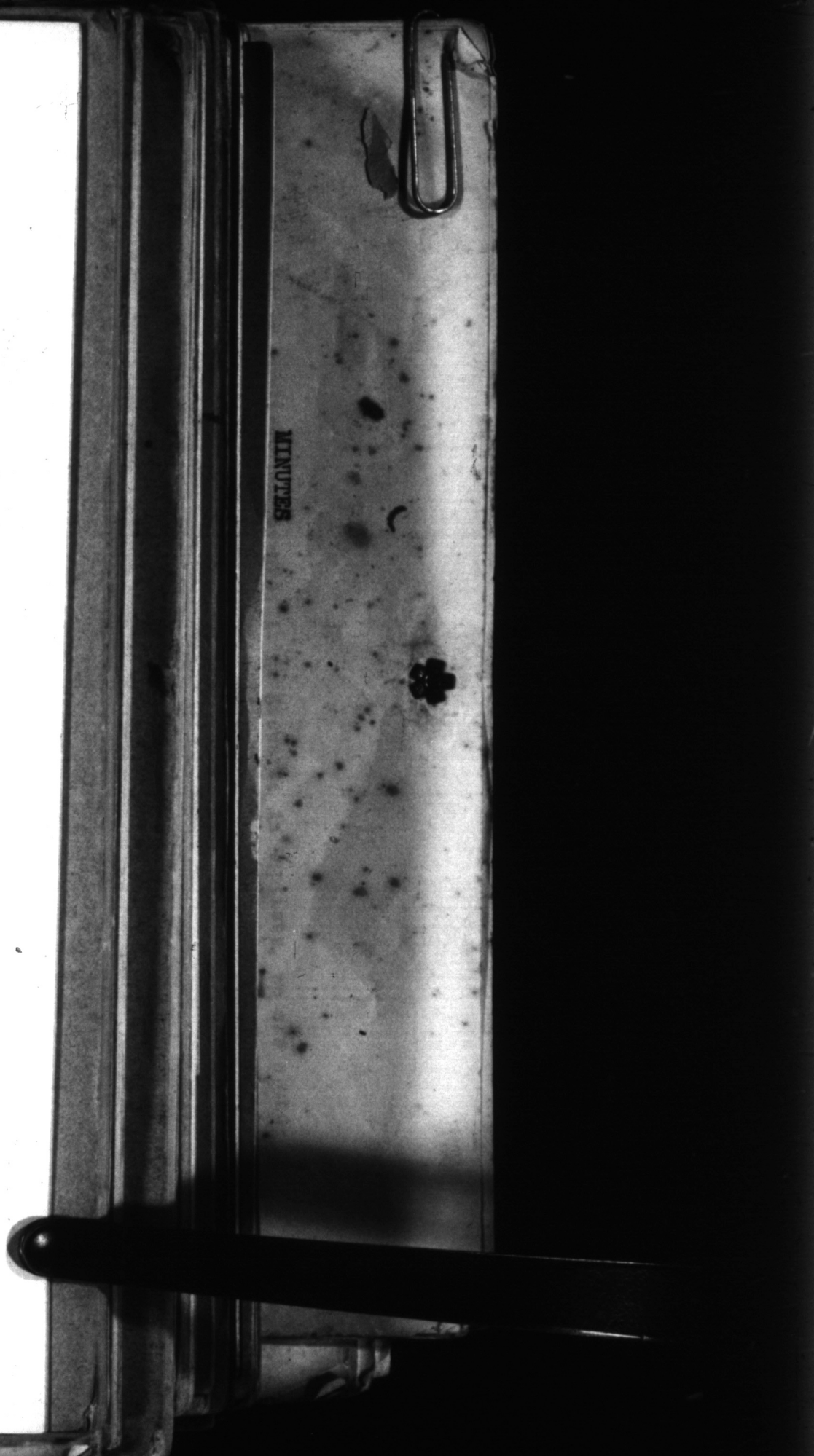
Financially, the Baptists of the State as they have slowly come to realize that in Mississippi College we have a great school for the education of our sons, are manifesting their interest in the college by a more liberal support. We believe that the gift of $5,200 by the American Baptist Education Society; also the promise of $15,000 on condition has stirred our people as never before to place the college on a financial basis, the endowment reaching $100,000.

Added—For the present session two have been added to the faculty and also a convenient building for the preparatory department. Of the Board of Trustees, numbering 27, two were lost by death.

The Present—The College opened its present session with the largest number of students of any previous year. The College is asking for a larger patronage and your committee would recommend to every young man who wishes an education Mississippi College as one of the best schools in the country and also that Baptists in sending their sons, send them to Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PURSER.



**Ministerial Education.**

In this age of intellectual advancement men are educated for the various avocations of life. Should the preacher of the gospel fall behind in his education? As the preacher is a teacher of God's word, it is very important that he should be prepared for his work, though we do not believe that a college training is absolutely essential to preach the gospel. But we do believe that an education greatly aids the preacher in his work and renders him more efficient in God's service. The ministry must be educated in order that it may be able to teach the educated masses that constitute the pew. God often calls men to preach who are unable to secure an education at once, but with assistance they are enabled to go through school and then get work much easier than if they were left entirely to their own resources. There were thirty-four young preachers enrolled in Mississippi College last year and of this number thirty were assisted to some extent by our Board of Ministerial Education. Our Board is doing a great work and we would urge our churches, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sunday Schools, B. Y. P. U. Societies and all other sources of help to come to the assistance of our Board, and thus help in the great work of educating the ministry. Respectfully submitted,

G. D. PARKER.

38. Pending the adoption of the reports, the following resolution was offered by J. L. Johnson:

**Education of the Masses.**

We are in favor of Ministerial Education. Indeed, we wish all our preachers could have a thorough classical and theological training. But we ought not to stop here; and we want to go on second, in favor of general education—education of the masses. Our boys, all our boys—our girls, all our girls, will be better off with proper educational advantages; and we urge all our membership to do the very best they can possibly do to educate all their children thoroughly.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. JOHNSON.

39. The question being open for discussion, the Moderator invited J. L. Johnson to address the Association,

after which the reports and resolutions were adopted and a vote of thanks tendered Dr. Johnson by the Association for his very excellent address.

40. On motion, the following resolution offered by E. S. P'Pool was adopted:

Whereas, more than half the membership of our churches are women, and from the beginning of the gospel of Christ, the women have taken a prominent place in every Christian work, and as in our Association the woman's work is poorly organized and neglected, be it

Resolved, 1, That this Association encourage the women in their work and that the pastors be requested to help them organize in every church.

Resolved, 2, That the women be given a time and place for meeting in connection with every meeting of the Association.

Resolved, 3, That a report on woman's work be made one of the regular annual reports presented and discussed by the Association.

41. The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report:

Preaching by Rev. Jno. Thompson, Sunday 11 a. m.

Preaching by Rev. S. R. Young, Sunday at 2 p. m.

42. The Association adjourned until 2 p. m. Benediction by J. L. Johnson.

**THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.**

43. The Association met at the appointed hour and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

44. The report on the B. Y. P. U. was read by Homer Landers and was discussed by Homer Landers, John Thompson and adopted.

**Report on B. Y. P. U.**

Your committee presents its report to the Association, with thankfulness to God for the success of the B. Y. P. U. movement throughout the State in the past year. Through the energy and devotion of the President, Mr. Arthur Flake, of Winona, the Union has been put on a firm financial foundation, and the future success of the work is assured. More unions in the State are doing practical work in training the young Christians in Bible

study, mission study, Baptist doctrines and history and in the grace of Christian giving. We still realize, however, that there are vast possibilities of usefulness undeveloped. Our Baptist energies have been going to waste like the waters of Niagara; but the time is upon us when we must give our energies to progress, and to the enlightening of the world.

We regret to state that while progress has been made in the State, there is but one Young People's Union in this Association. This Union has increased in favor with the young people of the community in numbers, contributions and in its educational efficiency.

Your committee recommends that every pastor in the Association inform himself as to the work and methods of the B. Y. P. U., and whenever practicable organize a Union in his church. We also recommend that each church send a messenger to the State B. Y. P. U. Convention, which meets in Meridian in November, where they may learn all about the work and how they may organize it in their own communities. The Union is a strong arm of the pastor by which he reaches all the young people of his community and draws them to Christ and enlists them in the work of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER LANDERS.

45. The Report on Publications was read by S. R. Young and discussed by S. R. Young, John Thompson and adopted.

**Publications.**

The press is a powerful agent for the promotion of good or evil. It is doubtful if any other agency is as potent a factor in human affairs; therefore it is important that we, as Christians, see to it that the very best products of the press are brought into our homes. First, the Bible; as Baptists we need it to make a careful and prayerful study of the Book. "Search the Scriptures," saith the Lord. We thereby learn our duty to God and man; the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field to encourage the missionary spirit; the literature of our Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., to help in the study of God's word; The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., by T. J. Bailey, that we may learn of the work of our own State and become better acquainted with each other;

and The Orphanage Gem, published by the Orphanage management, to learn the needs of the Orphanage.

Your committee would urge the taking and reading of The Baptist by every family represented in this Association.

S. R. YOUNG,
Committee.

46. The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report that $135.90 has been sent up by the delegates representing their churches contributed to the various objects fostered by this Association.

J. H. PURSER,
G. D. PARKER,
W. W. FURR,
Committee.

**Report on Nominations.**

47. Time and place of next meeting—New Providence Baptist Church, Copiah County, Thursday, before the 4th Lord's Day in September, 1904, at 10 a. m.

Preacher of Introductory Sermon—John Thompson; Alternate, S. R. Young.

**Annual Committee.**

Foreign Missions—E. S. P'Pool.
Home Missions—J. H. Purser.
State Missions—E. L. Wilson.
Publications—J. S. Bailey.
Sunday Schools—W. W. Furr.
Sustentation—M. M. Ashley.
Obituaries—Robt. Embry.
Prohibition—S. R. Young.
Mississippi College and Ministeiral Education—John Thompson.
Family Worship—F. M. Davis.
Orphanage—S. S. Jacob.
B. Y. P. U.—A. H. Clark.
Woman's Work—Mrs. E. S. P'Pool.

M. M. ASHLEY,
J. N. FURR,
D. A. HODGES,
Committee.

48. Resolution on Minutes and Clerk service:

Resolved, That the clerk have the number of minutes printed that the churches call for, that he be allowed for

his services $20.00 and that he draw on the Treasurer for the same.

49. Resolution of thanks:

Resolved, That this Association return their thanks to Pine Bluff Baptist Church and community for their cordial reception and care of us while in their midst.

On account of the absence of committee, no Sunday School Report. Report on Obituaries omitted from last year.

CLERK.

50. On motion, the Philadelphia Baptist Church, of this Association, was granted a letter of dismission to unite with the Lincoln County Baptist Association.

51. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with New Providence Baptist Church, Thursday, before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Association joined in a hymn of praise, while the messengers gave each other the parting hand, after which John Thompson led in the closing prayer.

S. R. YOUNG, Moderator.

JOHN THOMPSON, Clerk.

Of the $135.90 forwarded to the Association by the messengers, $48.00 is for minutes. The Treasurer has in his possession $87.90 that was not designated to any object. I can give the Treasurer some assistance in designating some part of the $87.90 from the Associational letters. But I suggest to the messengers that paid any funds to the Finance Committee, that they write the Treasurer, F. M. Davis, Allen, Miss., and say to what object you paid the same, otherwise he will have money that he does not know what to do with.

CLERK.

**Ministerial Register.**

BARKSDALE, T. J.—Allen, Miss.
P'POOL, E. S.—Hermanville, Miss.
PURSER, J. H.—Maharris, Miss.
SIMMONS, B.—Gallman, Miss.
THOMPSON, JOHN—Lorman, Miss.
WILLS, J. E.—Caseyville, Miss.
WILSON, E. L.—Dillard, Miss.
YOUNG, S. R.—Martin, Miss.

**Licentiates.**

CLARK, A. H.—Hermanville, Miss.

# OUR DEAD.

The church letters report 17 deaths since our last meeting, but the names of only 13 are given, as follows:

Bethesda—MRS. OPELIA BUSBY,
MRS. GILPHA PITTS.

Beach Grove—MRS. FANNIE CLARK,
MR. T. F. PRICE,

Brushy Fork—J. WILSE BAILESS,
ANGELINE FOSTER.

Fellowship—G. W. FOSTER.

Hermanville—J. F. WALTERS.

Pine Bluff—ELIZABETH ANDERSON,
NANCY HOOD,
ANNIE METHUIN,
LEITHA LACK,
CATHARINE O'NEAL.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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| Antioch | Copiah | J. H. Purser | Maharris, Miss | A. G. Bishop | Spencer, Miss. |
| Bethesda | Jefferson | J. M. Stroud | Veto, Miss | A. Nevils | Clark, Miss. |
| Beach Grove | Claiborne | J. O. Crawford | Clinton, Miss | C. L. Young | Martin, Miss. |
| Brushy Fork | Copiah | H. H. Webb | Roxie, Miss | G. F. Boren | Conn, Miss. |
| Carpenter | Copiah | Bryan Simmons | Gallman, Miss | G. L. Pittman | Carpenter, Miss. |
| Center Chapel | Jefferson | | | | |
| Fellowship | Jefferson | John Thompson | Lorman, Miss | W. G. Marble | Lorman, Miss. |
| Harriston | Jefferson | | | | |
| Hermanville | Claiborne | E. S. P'Pool | Hermanville, Miss | T. E. Sugg | Hermanville, Miss. |
| Martin | Claiborne | T. J. Barksdale | Allen, Miss | S. H. Price | Martin, Miss. |
| New Providence | Copiah | J. E. Wills | Caseyville, Miss | F. M. Davis | Allen, Miss. |
| New Salem | Jefferson | J. M. Stroud | Bonus, Miss | W. P. Sanders | Red Lick, Miss. |
| Philadelphia | Lincoln | J. E. Wills | Caseyville, Miss | J. E. Decell | Caseyville, Miss. |
| Piedmont | Jefferson | O. N. Harrington | Veto, Miss | I. Posey | Union Church, Miss. |
| Pine Bluff | Copiah | Bryan Simmons | Gallman, Miss | D. A. Hodge | Dentville, Miss. |
| Pleasant Hill | Copiah | J. P. Hemby | Hazlehurst, Miss | W. W. Furr | Nannye, Miss. |
| Port Gibson | Claiborne | S. R. Young | Martin, Miss | J. S. McPherson | Port Gibson, Miss. |
| Reganton | Claiborne | | | | |
| Rodney | Jefferson | John Thompson | Lorman, Miss | W. B. Thompson | Rodney, Miss. |
| Sims' Chapel | Jefferson | | | W. B. Watson | Port Gibson, Miss. |
| Unity | Jefferson | | | J. W. Norton | Violet, Miss. |
| White Oak | Copiah | Bryan Simmons | Gallman, Miss | J. H. Jacob | Utica, Miss. |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES. | Increase | | | Decr'se | | | Membership last yr. | Present Mem'ship | Ordained Ministers | Value of Church Property | Minutes Wanted | Pastor's Home Interest |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | By Baptism | By Letter | By Restoration | By Letter | By Exclusion | By Death | | | | | | |
| Antioch | | | | 5 | | | 67 | 62 | | $450 | 20 | |
| Bethesda | 4 | 3 | | 3 | | 2 | 66 | 67 | | 500 | 15 | |
| Beach Grove | | | | 11 | | 2 | 128 | 115 | | 650 | 20 | |
| Brushy Fork | 6 | | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 94 | 89 | 1 | 700 | 25 | |
| Carpenter | | | | | | | 24 | 24 | | | 10 | |
| Fellowship | 2 | | | | | 1 | | 53 | 1 | 300 | 15 | $400 |
| Hermanville | 19 | 14 | | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | 1500 | 25 | 1500 |
| Martin | | 4 | | 4 | | | 34 | 34 | 1 | 800 | 10 | |
| New Providence | 9 | 5 | | 1 | | 1 | 37 | 50 | | 1600 | 15 | |
| New Salem | 1 | | | 7 | | | 44 | 37 | | | 8 | |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 1 | | 3 | | | 95 | 100 | | 1100 | 25 | |
| Piedmont | 9 | 4 | | | 2 | | 49 | 58 | | 500 | 15 | |
| Pine Bluff | 12 | | 1 | 5 | | 5 | 210 | 213 | 2 | | 30 | |
| Pleasant Hill | 3 | | | 10 | 3 | | 193 | 183 | 1 | 1250 | 50 | |
| Port Gibson | | 4 | | 4 | | 1 | 58 | 54 | | 1200 | 10 | |
| Rodney | | 3 | | 1 | | | 67 | 69 | | 2000 | 20 | 400 |
| Sim's Chapel | | | | 23 | 1 | 2 | | 16 | | | 8 | |
| Unity | | | | 3 | 9 | | 49 | 37 | | | 8 | |
| White Oak | 3 | 1 | | | | | 88 | 92 | | 1000 | 15 | |
| Total | 75 | 39 | 2 | 91 | 16 | 17 | 1303 | 1353 | 7 | $13550 | 354 | $1800 |

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# FINANCIAL TABLE.

| CHURCHES. | State Missions | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Pastor's salary | Mississippi College | Ministerial Education | Sustentation | Orphanage | Visiting Ministers | Printing Minutes | Building and Repairing | Sunday School work | Church Expenses | Other Objects | Associational Missions | The Poor | Expense of Messenger to S. B. C. | Total contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | $ | 3 00 | $ 2 05 | $ 75 00 | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ 2 00 | $ 22 00 | $ | $ 9 95 | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ 114 00 |
| Bethesda | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 40 | 60 00 | | 5 00 | | 2 50 | | 2 20 | | 1 50 | | | | | | 74 90 |
| Beach Grove | | | | 125 00 | | | | | | 3 60 | | 1 20 | 11 35 | | | | 2 00 | 143 15 |
| Brushy Fork | | | 4 75 | 125 00 | | 23 00 | 12 00 | | 21 00 | 2 50 | 150 00 | | | 2 00 | | | | 340 25 |
| Carpenter | | | 15 05 | 75 00 | | | | | | 2 00 | 800 00 | | 2 95 | | | | 1 50 | 896 50 |
| Fellowship | 12 50 | 15 00 | 25 00 | 250 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 80 | 25 00 | 25 00 | 2 50 | 35 62 | | 7 50 | 11 00 | | | 2 00 | 426 92 |
| Hermanville | 10 00 | 16 00 | 50 00 | 600 00 | | 33 60 | | 20 00 | 111 00 | 3 00 | 305 00 | | 30 00 | | | | | 1175 60 |
| Martin | 12 50 | 5 00 | 4 25 | 60 00 | | 6 20 | | 8 25 | 14 00 | 1 25 | | | 2 00 | 1 00 | | | | 114 45 |
| New Providence | 11 03 | 4 00 | 8 16 | 150 00 | | 5 35 | 6 35 | 8 65 | | 3 40 | 20 00 | | 21 40 | | | | 3 00 | 241 24 |
| New Salem | | | 1 00 | 50 00 | | | | | | 80 | | | | | | | | 51 80 |
| Philadelphia | 6 80 | 6 80 | 13 87 | 160 00 | | 10 00 | | 6 80 | 25 10 | 3 00 | | 5 00 | | 2 00 | 3 00 | | | 239 37 |
| Piedmont | 3 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 75 00 | | | | | | 2 50 | | | | | | | | 87 50 |
| Pine Bluff | 8 15 | 10 30 | 26 75 | 150 00 | | | | 8 65 | 23 40 | 5 00 | 7 50 | 8 00 | 21 25 | 9 60 | | 15 05 | | 293 65 |
| Pleasant Hill | 11 00 | 5 05 | 5 05 | 150 00 | | 7 10 | | 8 82 | | 5 00 | 10 30 | 4 75 | 10 00 | | | | 2 10 | 219 17 |
| Port Gibson | 25 00 | | 6 00 | 200 00 | | | | 5 00 | | 1 00 | 9 80 | | 8 62 | | | | | 255 42 |
| Rodney | 7 50 | 15 00 | 10 00 | 250 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 13 25 | 23 00 | 2 50 | 22 80 | | 104 75 | 16 05 | | | 2 00 | 481 85 |
| Sims' Chapel | 1 40 | | 2 00 | | | | | | | 1 25 | | | | | | | | 4 65 |
| Unity | 5 45 | | | 30 25 | | | | | | 1 50 | 3 75 | 2 00 | | | | | | 42 95 |
| White Oak | 4 80 | | 17 55 | 100 00 | | 5 00 | | 21 35 | 25 00 | 3 00 | | | 4 60 | | | | 2 05 | 183 35 |
| GRAND TOTAL | $ 121 13 | 84 15 | $ 196 88 | $2785 25 | $10 00 | $ 105 25 | $29 15 | $128 27 | $ 267 50 | $48 00 | $ 1286 77 | $22 45 | $234 37 | $41 65 | $ 3 00 | $15 05 | $14 65 | $5386 45 |

# SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

| CHURCHES. | SUPERINTENDENT. | SECRETARY. | LITERATURE USED. | Teachers and Officers. | Pupils Enrolled | Scholars Baptized | Sunday School Work |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Antioch | R. W. Oquoin | M. H. Wade | S. B. C. | 5 | 85 | | $ 55 80 |
| Bethesda | | | S. B. C. | 2 | 20 | | |
| Beach Grove | G. W. Fife | G. D. Parker | S. B. C. | 5 | 35 | | |
| Carpenter | W. W. Brashears | Miss Sarah McCalip | S. B. C. | 7 | 28 | | |
| Hermanville | (Two Schools) | | S. B. C. | 8 | 116 | 19 | 30 00 |
| Philadelphia | | | S. B. C. | | 45 | 6 | |
| Piedmont | L. L. Posey | Lucinda Posey | S. B. C. | 5 | 30 | 6 | |
| Pine Bluff | | | S. B. C. | 4 | 40 | 3 | |
| Pleasant Hill | W. H. Thetford | M. E. Furr | S. B. C. | 10 | 102 | 1 | 2 32 |
| Port Gibson | J. S. McPherson | Mrs. W. S. Varnado | S. B. C. | 4 | 40 | | 15 69 |
| Unity | | | S. B. C. | 4 | 47 | | |
| White Oak | A. C. Lewis | J. H. Jacob | S. B. C. | 8 | 40 | 2 | 12 49 |
| | | | TOTAL | 62 | 628 | 37 | $116 30 |

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| SOCIETIES | PRESIDENT | POSTOFFICE | SECRETARY | POSTOFFICE | State Missions | Foreign Missions | Home Missions | Pastor's Sala'y | Building and Repairs | Ministerial Education |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fellowship | Mrs. C. M. Bolls | Lorman | Mrs. A. C. Coleman | Lorman | $ | $5 00 | $3 65 | | $ | $ |
| Hermanville | Mrs. E. S. P' Pool | Hermanville | Mrs. R. T. Davis | Hermanville | 5 00 | 4 20 | 4 20 | $25 00 | 403 00 | 8 00 |
| Port Gibson | Mrs. W. S. Varnado | Port Gibson | Miss Kate Taylor | | | | | | 5 00 | |

## B. Y. P. U. WORK.

| UNIONS | PRESIDENT | POSTOFFICE | SECRETARY | POSTOFFICE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hermanville | Mrs. R. T. Davis | Hermanville | T. C. Foster | Hermanville |

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH

### OF THE

# Union Baptist Association,

**Adopted First Session, September 18, 1820.**

### PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our Union among churches of the same faith and order; we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an association upon the following principles, viz:

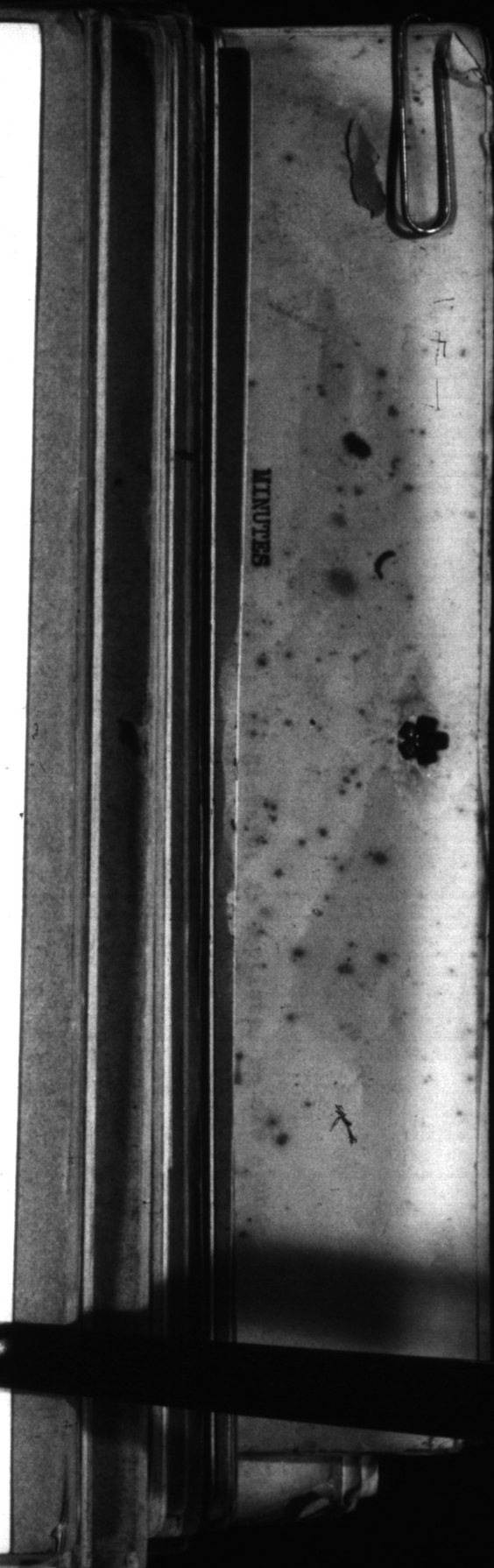
I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God



and man, the man Jesus Christ, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

## GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only Law-giver—and the government is with the church.

3. The baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and His Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make public confession of their faith by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism and as members of the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment,

together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, ex-communicated and dead since last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

3. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided, however, the chair be previously filled, but shall have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by its delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

## POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties that may exist between the sister churches, and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistant, but not give them the privilege of voting.

6. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union which may be unsound of principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person, or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn at any time or to any place it may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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